

Central Regional News

Fifties food bust swings at 4276

Lou's Malt Shoppe shook to the beat of "Don't Be Cruel" on a rented juke box. Lou Gladieux, grill manager, cooked up the special of the day, hamburger and fries with a coke.

The trip into the past all took place at K mart 4276, Toledo, OH as a Fabulous Fifties Food Bust promotion. K mart's own "Fonzie," alias Bill Delaney, district food service manager, greeted customers on the back of his motorcycle, "Hog." Dressed in "leathers" and jeans with his "Lucky's" rolled up in t-shirt sleeves, Delaney distributed food coupons for one low price to each customer anxious to get a peek at "Hog."

Before entering the lobby, customers also received what may have been their first look at a 1949 Mercury. This pride and joy of Manager Bill Budwick was a real crowd pleaser. It lured many hungry shoppers in to make the Fabulous Fifties spectacular a big success.



Swinging at 4276 were, l to r, Debbie Fousnaugh, Bill "Fonzie" Delaney, Gil Fox, and Ronnie Covert.



Easter bunny Connie DeFalco greets her daughter with goodies near the service desk of K mart 4168, Oregon, OH.



John Matthews

Store mischief makes the news

On her week's vacation, Shannon Rupp took a trip—with entertainer Johnny Mathis. The Automotive Manager for K mart 4105, Ann Arbor, MI is a talented violinist. She was recently selected to play a tour with the famous singer through Ohio and Indiana.

Chances are the new celebrity is walking around 4105 singing "Wonderful, Wonderful."

Kresge 27, Livonia, MI has a pet department that isn't surprised about their good sales records. But staffers were a bit taken back when a local high school purchased 39 goldfish for a goldfish swallow-ing contest.

A birthday celebration for Kresgeites at 468, Ann Arbor, MI, featured a rather unusual idea for one of the party's relay races: dragging a grapefruit in pantyhose behind one's back. Seems the days of "pass the orange" are gone!

Marie Donini of Kresge 150, Portsmouth, OH recently chaperoned a girl scout troop to Savannah, GA. The group visited the home of Girl Scout founder Juliette Lowe, and decided to stop off to the cemetery where the leader had been buried.

On their way out of the cemetery, the girls were dismayed to find they were locked behind the gates. But an alert guard played helpful scout and came to their rescue.



Staffers from 9011, Washington, IN holding Achievement Award for 95.23 percent complete store check.

Wrestler eyes Olympics

Who runs six miles each day and takes each national championship as calmly as a practice bout? K mart 7014's John Matthews does.

The young athlete from Mt. Pleasant, MI has already captured three "Outstanding Wrestler" awards and three national championships, not including the Canadian Nationals he won in February.

Right now, he's awaiting tryouts for the 1976 Olympics to be held this summer in Montreal. The top eight out of thirty men will qualify for the Olympic camp. Matthews has already been considered the "top seed" in the profession.

"My coach doesn't think I've reached my prime, yet," grins the 24-year-old wrestler, "but most of the guys I wrestle with are 28 years old! I won't be 28 until the 1980 Olympics come around."

Matthews' wrestling record this year is a very impressive 42-0 in 163 pound class. During his career of 12 years, he has been awarded 86 trophies and medals.

Now, finally reaching his goal of being number one in the nation, the quiet sportsman exclaimed, "I'm really excited. My coach didn't expect me to be ready for the Olympics so soon, but I guess I proved that I am! Right now, though, I have to take one meet at a time. I probably won't be able to relax and appreciate everything until after the Olympics are over."

Matthews, originally from Flint, MI, is a graduate of Central Michigan University. He currently works part-time for the Mt. Pleasant K mart and is assistant coach for Central's wrestling team.

All the talented young man needs to get to Montreal is enough funds to pay his way to the Olympics. He is being sponsored by the Michigan Wrestling Club and hopes to receive enough donations to realize his dream.

Pharmacist bowls on television

All of us have our own particular pastimes and hobbies. Dick Pazin, a pharmacist at the newly opened K mart 3327 in Sterling Heights, MI, found a way to cash in on one of his.

Dick was recently a contestant on a local TV game show called "Bowling for Dollars." Participants try to roll as many strikes as possible to receive cash and other prizes. Each bowler also has a partner in the home viewing audience for whom he tries to get winnings.

Dick succeeded in throwing three consecutive strikes, netting for himself and his "Pin Pal" back home \$310 and a Pioneer stereo system.

Although he's competent bowler with a steady 144 average, Dick was quite pleased with his performance.

"I never expected to literally strike it rich!" he exclaimed.



Joann Bradford

4323 staffer wins first derby race

No one is picking a fight with Joann Bradford these days. And staffers at K mart 4323, Pontiac, MI are taking her seriously on the road.

Joann won second place in the female division of the demolition derby held at Pontiac Stadium late in April. The prize for her efforts was \$200 in cash.

Joann feels she could have won the competition if her driveshaft had not fallen out. But it was a great showing for her first try in the sport. She has participated in stock car racing for the past three years. This was her premier in a demolition race.

Demolition racing is an aggressive activity that really involves endurance. A driver bumps cars until he is the only one left on the track. A stock car racer wins if he completes the most laps in the shortest period.

Joann considers her racing just a good hobby. She has other, more tranquil interests, too, which includes whiteware painting.